



Front Country Trails
Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force

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Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2011
5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
735 Anacapa Street, 2nd Floor, Santa Barbara

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Longstreet called the regular meeting of the Front Country Trails Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force to order at 5:31 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 735 Anacapa Street, 2nd Floor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Longstreet

ROLL CALL:

Task Force Members Present:

Beebe Longstreet	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
W. Scott Burns	City Park & Recreation Commissioner
Suzanne Perkins	County Park Commissioner 1st District
Judith Dale	County Park Commissioner 3rd District
Bruce Emmens	Public Use & Facilities Staff Officer Los Padres National Forest
Douglas Dodge	District Ranger, Los Padres National Forest (Arrived 5:34 p.m.)

City of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Nancy Rapp	Parks and Recreation Director
Jill Zachary	Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Kathy Frye	Associate Park/Natural Areas Planner
Karla Megill	Executive Assistant

County of Santa Barbara Staff Present

Erik Axelson	County Parks Deputy Director
Claude A. Garciacelay	ASLA, Park Planner

Los Padres National Forest Staff Present

Kerry Kellogg	Wilderness and Trails Manager, Santa Barbara Ranger District
Kyah LaPorta	Wilderness/Trails Technician U. S. Forest Service

Other Staff Present

Rebecca Mordini	Front Country Trails Coordinator
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The Task Force acknowledged Jeff Bensen for his work on the Task Force and thanked him for his service.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Motion:

Task Force members Perkins/Burns that Task Force Member Judith Dale serve as Vice Chair of the Task Force.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Speakers: Steven Dougherty, Joe Mason, Jim Childress, and Melissa Davis

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes – For Action

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 1, 2010.

Motion:

Task Force members Dale/Perkins to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2010.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. County of Santa Barbara Red Flag Warning Plan – For Information

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receive a presentation on the County of Santa Barbara Red Flag Warning Plan as it relates to public land and the front country trail system.

Speakers

- Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Ann Marx, City Wildland Fire Specialist; Rick Todd, County Fire Division Chief
- Members of the Public: Raymond Smith

OLD BUSINESS

3. Trail Count Project – For Action (Attachment 2)

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receive a status report on the Trail Count Project, including the pilot project with game cameras, and recommend that the FCT Program implement a manual trail count project in April 2011.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint

Speakers

- Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Rebecca Mordini, Front Country Trails Coordinator
- Members of the Public: Jim Childress

Original Motion:

Task Force Member Perkins to recommend the FCT Program implement a manual trail count project in April 2011.

Task Force Member Dale asked that the motion be amended to include the direction that staff look into a mechanical system for the future.

Motion as Amended:

Task Force members Perkins/Emmens to recommend the FCT Program implement a manual trail count project in April 2011, and explore an electronic trail count device.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

4. Trail Assessment Project Update – For Information

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receive a status report on the Trail Assessment Project.

Documents:

- Staff Report
- Staff PowerPoint Presentation

Speakers:

- Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
- Members of the Public: Jim Childress

NEW BUSINESS

5. Land Manager Trails Management Workshop – For Action

Recommendation: That the Chair of the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force select up to three members to attend the SBMTV sponsored March 4, 2011, Land Managers Trails Management Workshop, to be held March 4, 2011, from 9 am to 12 noon.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff:

Chair Longstreet and Task Force Member Dodge indicated they would be attending the workshop.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF REPORTS

6. Front Country Trails Program Update – For Information

Recommendation: That the FCT Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force receives a status report on Front Country Trail activities from December 2010 through February 2011.

Documents:

- Staff Report

Speakers:

- Staff: Jill Zachary, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director; Rebecca Mordini, Front Country Trails Coordinator

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 p.m., with no further business to come before the Task Force,

Motion:

Task Force members Perkins/Emmens to adjourn the meeting.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote

Respectfully submitted,

Jill E. Zachary
Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
City of Santa Barbara